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INDEPENDENCE MAN THIRD TO PLEAD GUILTY TO ROLE IN 1.5 KILO METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Lucas D. Wilson, 23, of Independence, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Wilson** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, and July 12, 2004. Specifically, **Wilson** admitted that he played a role in distributing at least 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Wilson was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 12, 2004, in Kansas City.

Two other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty in this case.

On Feb. 24, 2005, **Lewis G. Kilgore**, 28, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy and admitted that he conspired with others to distribute at least 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, and July 12, 2004.

On Nov. 10, 2004, **Gloria Garcia**, 32, of El Paso, Texas, pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy and admitted that she also conspired with others to distribute at least 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Jan. 1, 2002, and July 12, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, these co-defendants may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force, the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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